

**Chrysler Motors Corporation** 



June 3, 1987

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Hazardous Waste Management Branch 505 W. Main Street Northville, Michigan 48167

Attention: Mr. L. A. Aubochon

Gentlemen:

On March 11, 1987, I notified you that the Chrysler Trenton Chemical Plant had discovered some corroded drums of non-hazardous waste that were apparently improperly disposed of about 20 years ago on its back lot. We retained an outside consultant to assess whether any other on-site disposal may have occurred at the plant.

That investigation, conducted by Hart Engineers, is nearing completion. While we do not believe there has been a release of a reportable quantity of any hazardous substance within the meaning of the applicable law, we believe it appropriate to provide you with our general findings to date.

Hart Engineers have identified five discrete areas used for waste disposal 20 or more years ago. These areas, some of which overlap, have been found to contain buried bulk and containerized waste. Each area is relatively small and not more than eight feet deep, with a total involved area of about three acres in the southeast portion of the plant property.

Analysis of more than sixty samples show that several of the areas contain organic compounds such as acenapthene, chlorobenzene and napthalene. Also, a few soil samples from one particular area exhibit ignitible characteristics. Michigan Department of Natural Resources June 3, 1987 Page Two

Hart Engineers is finalizing their report to Chrysler, which will include a review of remedial options and recommendations. When the report is complete, we will request a meeting with you to review and discuss Hart's study, findings and recommendation.

We expect to be ready in a few weeks and look forward to meeting with you then.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Roman Plant Manager -

Trenton Chemical

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